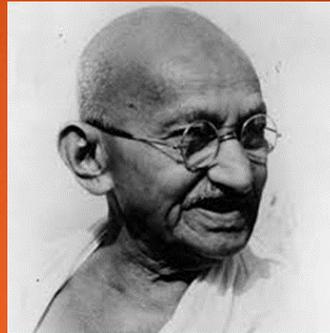
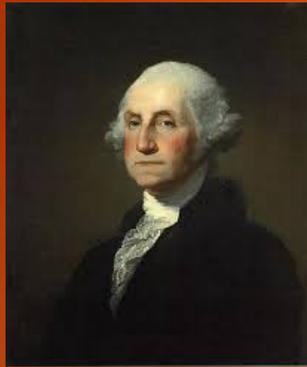




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JOHN 13:12-17

Who am I?



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- ▶ Mat 20:26
- ▶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
- ▶ John 13:12-17
- ▶ When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "**Do you understand what I have done to you?** You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.** Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

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- ▶ Matthew 20:25-28 –
- ▶ “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- ▶ How do the Gentiles lord over them?
- ▶ How do they exercise authority?

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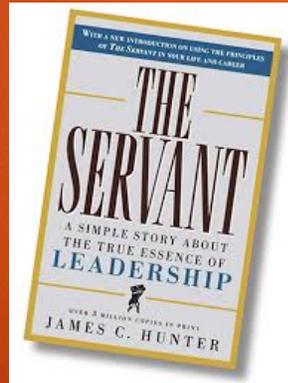
- ▶ Mark 10:43-45 –
- ▶ “You know that **those who are recognized as rulers** of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. **But it is not so among you**, but whoever wishes to become great among you, shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even **the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- ▶ Recognized are rulers
- ▶ Lord it and exercise authority
- ▶ What is our mission?

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- ▶ The word “servant” in Matthew 20:27 means “slave.” Not every servant was a slave, but every slave was a servant.
- ▶ In the work force there are many who “exercise authority,” But they don’t want to lift a finger to help
- ▶ People in leadership positions want to lead the same way they were lead when they were in lower positions. It doesn’t work.
- ▶ It is said concerning churches today that we have many celebrities, but very few servants.
- ▶ We need to lead people the way Jesus lead the disciples.

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- ▶ Servant leadership...
- ▶ Long time ago some key leaders have tried to apply this principle to business.
- ▶ “Good leaders must become good servants”
- ▶ Robert K. Greenleaf
- ▶ James C. Hunter



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- ▶ While the idea of servant leadership goes back at least two thousand years, the modern servant leadership movement was launched by Robert K. Greenleaf in 1970 with the publication of his classic essay, *The Servant as Leader*. It was in that essay that he coined the words "servant-leader" and "servant leadership." Greenleaf defined the servant-leader as follows:
- ▶ "The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions...The leader-first and the servant-first are two extreme types. Between them there are shadings and blends that are part of the infinite variety of human nature."

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- ▶ Servant leadership may involve serving even when the end result of our service may not be known.
- ▶ Luke 1:26-38.
- ▶ Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
- ▶ Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



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- ▶ What kind of leader does God wants us to be?
- ▶ Leaders in the Church
- ▶ Leaders in the House
- ▶ Leaders in the community

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- ▶ God has called us to be servant leaders in his Church:
- ▶ 1 Timothy 3:5 but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?
- ▶ 2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
- ▶ Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;
- ▶ Psalms 78:72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them with his skillful hands

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- ▶ God has called us to be servant leaders at home
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 11:3
- ▶ But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman [is] the man; and the head of Christ [is] God.
- ▶ Ephesians 5:25
- ▶ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:7
- ▶ Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with [them] according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.



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- ▶ God has called us to be servant leaders in the community
- ▶ Proverbs 16:12
- ▶ It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, For a throne is established on righteousness
- ▶ Proverbs 29:2 When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, But when a wicked man rules, people groan.
- ▶ Exodus 18:21
- ▶ "Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens

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- ▶ Joh 13:35
- ▶ "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
- ▶ Luke 17:10
- ▶ "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; **we have only done what was our duty.**'"